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August, 1960

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Wallsend.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the health of the Borough of Wallsend for the year 1959. This report is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 1/60 of the 8th January, 1960.

The population remained almost the same as in 1958; the Registrar-General's estimate being 49,950 compared with 49,980 in the previous year.

A slight rise in the Infant Mortality Rate was not unexpected. The figure of 23.38 per 1,000 live births in 1958 was unusually low for an industrial town such as Wallsend and 27.3 for 1959 does not compare too unfavourably with the national figure for England and Wales — 22.2. Nevertheless, no matter what the Infant Mortality Rate is, our endeavour must always be to keep on reducing it further. In this connection, it is very pleasant to be able to report that the establishment of the Northumberland County Council's Health Visitors in Wallsend was nearly full (eleven out of twelve). The work of the Health Visitors, in spreading health education in all homes in which there are babies and young children, is of the greatest importance in reducing ill-health and disease.

During 1959, there was a large outbreak of Measles — this was to be expected after the very small number of cases in 1958. Once again, fortunately, the majority of parents secured early treatment, and this, combined with the modern methods of treatment provided by the family doctors, prevented complications in most instances.

For the second year in succession, there were no cases of Poliomyelitis. It is probably safe to attribute this partly to the large number of children and young adults protected against the disease. As in the case of Diphtheria, it will continue to be most important to ensure that as many babies as possible are protected

at an early date. The policy at present is to begin injections at 3 months, a course of 3 injections being given at the 3rd, 4th and 5th months to protect against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. This is followed by injections for Poliomyelitis at the 6th and 7th months, followed by vaccination against Smallpox before the end of the first year. The third injection for Poliomyelitis follows at the 14th month. After that parents are notified and advised of any "booster" injections required in later years.

Lest we be tempted to think that Tuberculosis is no longer a problem, it is as well to remember that there were 348 cases remaining on the register at the end of the year. Most of these people were not seriously ill and many of them working and leading normal lives: the numbers involved, however, emphasise the need to continue to realise that Tuberculosis is a problem for the whole community. With early diagnosis and modern treatment, the prospects are excellent. Full use of the facilities for chest X-rays and full participation in the B.C.G. Vaccination scheme for contacts and thirteen year olds are of the utmost importance.

The inspection of houses continued during 1959 in preparation for the final slum clearance enquiry of the present programme in the spring of 1960. It may seem strange to those not familiar with the matter, that there may be no further slum clearance areas in the near future. The fact is that Wallsend had made very good progress with re-housing before the war. Much of the criticism, which now remains of the older houses in Wallsend, is concerned with nearness to industry or the river, unattractive layout and lack of amenities such as baths. Many people consider that the time has come for a revision of the present standards by which a house is considered to be unfit.

Work began during 1959 on the initial survey of a proposed smoke control area involving between 800-900 houses in the area formed by the Coast Road, Churchill Street and the Tynemouth Boundary. With the wholehearted co-operation of the National Coal Board, it would seem that at last there was a definite improvement in the amount of nuisance from the burning spoil heap at the Rising Sun Colliery. The large conical heap was greatly reduced in height and improved water sprays reduced the amount of burning.

In the other matter of pollution of the River Tyne there was no progress to report during the year, although the technical committee appointed by the various Tyneside local authorities is continuing its work. In conclusion, I would like to thank Dr. J. B. Tilley, the County Medical Officer for Northumberland, for giving me permission to include details of services administered by the County Council in Wallsend; Mr. S. S. McIntyre, Chief Public Health Inspector, and all the staff of the Health Department for their help; Mr. W. Morrison, Chief Clerk of the Health Department, for his work in preparing the figures for this report, and the Chairman and Members of the Sanitary Committee for their encouragement during the year.

I am.

Your obedient servant,

G. McN. CUBIE, Medical Officer of Health.

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS-1959.

(1)	Population at 1951 Census	48,645
(2)	Population 1959, Registrar General's Est.	49,950
(3)	Area of Borough 3	543.993 acres
(4)	Live Births	952
(5)	Birth Rate (per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population)	19.06
	(Birth Rate adjusted by the comparability factor of 0.92)	17.53
(6)	Still-Births	22
(7)	Still-Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still-Births)	22.6
(8)	Total Live and Still-Births	974
(9)	Infant Deaths	26
(10)	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live- Births—Total	27.3
	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live- Births—Legitimate	28.23
	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live- Births—Illegitimate	32.2
	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live- Births	12.6
(11)	Illegitimate live-births per cent of total Live-Births	3.25
(12)	Maternal deaths (including abortion)	-
(13)	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still-births	
(14)	Total Deaths	502
(15)	Death Rate—All ages (per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population)	10.0
	Death Rate adjusted by the comparability factor of 1.36	13.6
(16)	Tuberculosis Death Rates (per 1,000 Population)	
	(a) All forms	0.06
	(b) Pulmonary (c) Non-Pulmonary	0.04 0.02
(17)	Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 31st March, 1960, (Estimated)	15,316
(18)	Rateable Value (at 31.3.60)	£610,468
(19)	Product of a penny rate £2,	553 15s. 5d.

#### Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1959 and Previous Years.

	o . l	1	Births.		Total o		Transf Dea			Deaths o the D		
	Year.	0.111	Ne	t.	the Di		Dea	tiis.	Unde	er 1 yr.	At all	ages.
Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Uncorrected Number.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Of Non-residents registered in the District.	Of Residents not registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Net Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1913	43,700	1287	1297	29.7	571	13.1	5	93	154	119.5	659	15.1
1914	44,570 45,700	1396	1403	31.4	530	11.8	3 5	96	184	131.1	623	13.9
1915 1916	42,706	1297 1287	1305 1297	28.6 27.9	640 528	14.0 12.3	11	105 112	168 127	128.7 97.9	740 629	16.2 14.7
1917	43,358	1207	1207	24.9	619	14.2	1 11	63	151	125.1	682	15.7
1918	43,593	1314	1314	26.9	761	17.4	22	112	149	113.3	851	19.5
1919	43,689	1227	1227	26.9	618	14.1	19	123	164	133.6	722	16.5
1920	45,430	1457	1457	31.8	543	11.9	11	111	163	111.9	643	14.1
1921	43,880	1347	1393	31.7	529	12.5	4	95	154	110.5	620	14.1
1922 1923	44,070 45,030	1101 1115	1156 1211	26.2 26.8	463 423	10.5	8	89 94	107 96	92.6 79.2	544 510	12.3 11.3
1924	45,480	1030	1089	23.9	455	10.0	7 5	119	100	91.8	569	12.5
1925	45,620	1007	1068	23.4	482	10.5	5	148	116	108.6	625	13.7
1926	45,080	1008	1029	22.8	391	8.6	4	141	65	63.1	528	11.7
1927	45,730	933	945	20.6	478	10.4	9 5	140	81	85.7	609	13.2
1928	44,440	928	951	21.4	398	8.9	5	157	79	83.07	550	12.4
1929 1930	44,800	894 886	900 882	20.09		9.6 7.7	9 8	176 152	85	94.4 72.5	599	13.4 10.9
1931	44,800 44,870	933	885	19.68 19.71	458	10.2	7	139	64 76	85.9	491 590	13.1
1932	44,340	832	759	17.0	375	8.5	10	125	61	80.3	500	11.3
1933	43,950	815	717	16.3	370	8.6	6	147	56	78.1	511	11.6
1934	43,660	868	768	17.5	380	8.7	12	146	60	78.1	514	11.7
1935	43,660	899	711	16.2	347	7.9	9	172	48	66.1	510	11.6
1936 1937	43,640 43,850	925 994	711 726	16.29 16.5	362 383	8.2 8.7	5 8	157 167	56 53	78.7 71.6	514 542	11.7 12.3
1938	43,970	973	736	16.7	408	9.3	17	154	63	85.5	545	12.4
1939	10,070	010	700	10.7	100	0.0	1,	104	00	00.0	010	12.1
(a)	45,220	932	781	17.27	374	8.3	22	160	44	56.9	512	11.49
(b)	44,430	000	000									400
1940	43,540	899	863	19.8	444	10.2	18	153	45	52.1	579	13.3
1941 1942	43,890 43,420	805 814	847 855	19.2 19.7	473 404	10.7 9.3	27 26	193 116	77 66	90.9	639 494	14.5 11.3
1943	43,040	878	893	20.7	412	9.5	19	172	69	77.2	565	13.1
1944	43,960	1034	1065	24.2	501	11.1	21	156	63	59.1	526	11.9
1945	44,240	1061	875	19.77	400	9.04	22	144	54	61.7	522	11.8
1946	46,410	1209	1058	22.79		8.57	12	170	66	62.3	556	11.9
1947	46,980 48,270	1252	1157	24.62		8.91	14	146	61	52.7	551	11.7
1948 1949	48,830	1246 1160	1061	21.98 20.74		8.7 9.1	33	146	58 45	54.6 44.4	537 564	11.1
1950	48,860	908	922	18.87		9.3	19	143	34	36.8	581	11.89
1951	48,570	1197	898	18.48		8.6	13	140	36	40.0	546	11.24
1952	48,790	1254	930	19.06		8.5	34	121	26	28.0	503	10.31
1953	49,130	1008	1003	20.4	408	8.3	19	120	48	47.8	509	10.4
1954	49,280	976	973	19.7	449	9.1	23	127	31	31.9	552	11.2
1955	49,440	941	949	19.2	413	8.3	23	126	26	27.4	516	0.77
1956 1957	49,560	1050 989	1028 1010	20.7	372 391	7.5 7.8	26 31	138 163	27 27	26.2 26.73	484 524	9.77
1958	49,980	922	941	18.8	445	8.09		158	22	23.38		11.2
1959	48,950	920	952	19.06		7.9	46	153	26	27.3	502	10.0

# BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH-RATES, AND CASE-RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1959

out subsection on treatments and recent as	England and Wales	Wallsend
Live Births:		
Number	750,383	952
Rate per 1000 population	16.5	19.06
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live		
births	5.08	3.25
Stillbirths :		
Number	16,076	22
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	21.0	22.6
Total Live and Still Births	766,459	974
nfant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	16,629	26
nfant Mortality Rates :		The state of the s
Total Infant deaths per 1000 total live births	22.2	27.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate	Water or	
live births	-	27.14
Illegitimate infant deaths per 100 illegitimate	00003 300	
live births		32.2
live births	attributed by	33400
per 1000 total live births)	15.8	12.6
per 1000 total live births)	Maria Maria	The state of the s
1 week per total live births)	to he had been been	7.35
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths	that of the state	
under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and	maniquen zone	MINIS NI
still births)	34.2	29.8
Maternal Mortality (including abortion):	Children Wall	and the same
Number of deaths	75	Market 197
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	0.09	
Deaths (all ages) :		
Number	527,648	502
Death Rate per 1000 Home Population	11.6	10.0

#### CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	England	Walland	England and Wales	Wallsend
	and Wales	Wallsend	Rates pe Home Pe	r 1,000 opulation
Scarlet Fever	47,889	11	1.05	0.22
Diphtheria	103	1 1000	0.002	017
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Feve	r 495	_	0.01	1111
Erysipelas	3,200	5	0.07	0.1
Pneumonia	26,789	16	0.59	0.32
Dysentery	35,600	_	0.79	-
Meningococcal Infections	745	_	0.016	_
Poliomyelitis :	1			
Paralytic	733	_	0.016	
Non-Paralytic	289	1 2 2 2 2 2	0.006	
Acute Encephalitis	278	_	0.006	-
Whooping Cough	33,211	58	0.73	1.16
Measles	539,207	1234	11.9	24.7
Tuberculosis :	d to the same	COLUMN CO.		PILES PROPERTY.
Respiratory	24,499	30	0.54	0.6
Other forms	2,881	2	0.06	0.04
Food Poisoning	9,992	1	0.22	0.02

The following table shows the classification of deaths from all causes (Registrar-General's figures):—

	(	CAUSES	OF D	EATH.			MALES	FEMALE
ALL	Causes		*				 298	204
1	Tuberculosis	, respira	torv				 0	2
2	Tuberculosis						 0	1
3	Syphilitic di	sease	***			***	 0	0
4	Diphtheria						 0	0
5	Whooping C	ough					 0	1
6	Meningococo		ions				 0	0
7	Acute Polion						 0	0
8	Measles						 0	0
9	Other infect	ive and	parasiti	c diseas	ses		 0	0
10	Malignant n						 12	5
11	Malignant n				18		 29	1
12	Malignant n						 0	6
13	Malignant n						 0	1
14	Other malig				oplasn	ns	 19	12
15	Leukaemia,						 1	0
16	Diabetes						 0	4
17	Vascular les	ions of n	ervous	system			 36	31
18	Coronary di						 48	30
19	Hypertensio						 5	7
20	Other heart						 27	30
21	Other circul						 14	11
22	Influenza						 2	2
23	Pneumonia						 14	14
24	Bronchitis					V	 38	14
25	Other diseas						 2	2
26	Ulcer of sto	mach an	d duod	enum			 2	3
27	Gastritis, er						 1	2
28	Nephritis ar						 3	1
29	Hyperplasia						 4	0
30	Pregnancy,						 0	0
31	Congenital						 1	2
32	Other define						 21	16
33	Motor vehic			- CIDOR			 3	0
34	All other ac						 8	4
35	Suicide						 7	2
36	Homicide a		tions o				 1	0

Although there is substantial agreement between the Registrar-General's classification and the local tabulation, discrepancy sometimes arises owing to modification in the light of further information obtained by the Registrar General's enquiries in indefinite cases.

#### CHIEF CAUSES OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.

					o. of eaths.	Percentage of total Deaths.
Heart Diseas	se				 147	29.28
Vascular Les	sions o	of Nerv	ous Sy	stem	 67	13.34
C					 85	16.93
Pneumonia					 28	5.58
Bronchitis					 52	10.36
Other circula	atory	disease	s		 25	4.98
Other define				seases	 37	7.37
All other acc					 12	2.39
Suicide					 9	1.79

The following table shows the number of infant deaths and infant mortality rates for each of the municipal wards:—

INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES
IN EACH WARD FOR 1959.

W	ARDS.		Births. Assigned to Wards.	Deaths. under 1 year.	Death rat per 1,000 Births.	
Northumberland		 	80	4	50.0	
Wallsend		 	78	1	12.82	
Carville		 	117	2	17.1	
Buddle		 	50	3	60.0	
Holy Cross		 	106	5	47.2	
Hadrian		 	115	1	8.7	
Willington		 	93	2	21.5	
Willington Quay		 	116	3	25.86	
Howdon		 	165	5	30.3	
	Totals	 	920	26	28.26	

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during the year 1959.

[-	52
	28
-	90
	62
	69
	57
	47
- : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	55
	52
	691
	122
1 : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	148
-	30
	2
1-11111111111 -11111111111111111111111	6111
11111111111111111111111111111111	80
-	26
21 : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	502
(1) Tuberculosis, respiratory (2) Tuberculosis, other (3) Syphilitic Diseases (4) Diphtheria (5) Whooping Cough (6) Meningococcal Infection (7) Acute Poliomyelitis (8) Measles (9) Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases (10) Malignant Neoplasm, stomach (11) (12) (13) (14) Other Malignant and Lymphatic (14) Other Malignant and Lymphatic (15) Leukaemia, Aleukaemia (16) Diabetes (17) Vascular Lesions of Nervous System (18) Coronary Disease, Angina (19) Hypertension with Heart Disease (20) Other Heart Disease (21) Other Circulatory Diseases (22) Influenza (23) Pneumonia (24) Bronchitis (25) Other Diseases of Respiratory System (26) Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum (27) Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea (28) Nephritis and Nephrosis (29) Hyperplasia of Prostate (20) Hyperplasia of Prostate (20) Hy	Torats
-	Tuberculosis, respiratory   2

Cases of Infectious Disease notified for 52 weeks ending December, 1959.

At All Un- 1 3 5 5 All Un- 1 2 4 6 6 11
Ages. 11 16 52 11 11 1234 1234 1339 1339 1339 1334 1334 1334 1334 13

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Infantile Mortality during the Year 1959.

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Quay 3 : : Willington 01 : Hadrian 5 Holy Cross 3 Buddle 01 Carville Wallsend Northum-berland 4 Deaths 1 year under Total 26 .0101 : :01 9 to 12 mths. mths. 3 6 to 9 3 to 6 mths. 10 1 to 3 mths. 5 under 1 mth Total 12 : 3 to 4 weeks 2 to 3 weeks 1 to 2 weeks 4 Under 1 week 1 Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea Violent and Accidental Deaths Other Infective and Parasitic Meningitis (not Tuberculous) :: CAUSES OF DEATH. Other Tuberculous Diseases Other Respiratory Diseases Congenital Malformations Other Digestive Diseases Abdominal Tuberculosis TOTALS **Fuberculous Meningitis** Cerebral Haemorrhage Pneumonia (all forms) Suffocation, Overlying Diphtheria and Croup Ill-defined Diseases Cerebrospinal Fever Other Defined and Whooping Cough Birth Injury Premature Birth Bronchitis ... Atelectasis ... Scarlet Fever Encephalitis Chickenpox Convulsions Ervsipelas Diseases Syphilis Nephritis Rickets

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

Statement of particulars appearing in the Register of Notification of cases of tuberculosis for the year 1959 :—

Sea Committee on the	Р	ULMONAR	Y.	Non	Pulmonary and Non- Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Total.
(1) Number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the com- mencement of the year (2) Number of cases noti- fied under the Regu- lations for the first	174	128	302	23	28	51	353
time during the year	19	11	30	i	1	2	32
(3) Number of cases added to the Register other- wise than by notifica- tion (including trans-		ampoid,		lessons 1			
ferred cases	9	4	13				13
(4) Number of cases removed from the Register during the year (5) Number of cases re-	18	28	46	1	3	4	50
maining on the Regis- ter at the end of the year	184	116	300	23	26	49	349

#### NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1959.

		New	CASES.		DEATHS. OLD AND NEW CASES.					
Age-Periods	Puln	MONARY		Non- Pulmonary		IONARY	Non- Pulmonary			
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE		
Hadan Lagar						111111				
Under I year					***					
1 to 4 years	***	1		***						
5 to 9 "	***		***	***		***	***			
10 to 14 ,,								1		
15 to 19 ,,	1	3	***							
20 to 24 ,,	1	3		1						
25 to 34 ,,	7	2								
OF 4- 44	3	1	1	4		1				
AF A- FA	5	1	100			1		***		
	2	ï	***		1			****		
55 to 64 ,,		1			1		***			
65 to 74 ,,			***				****			
75 & upwards										
TOTALS	19	11	1	1	1	1		1		

	Pulmonary Tuberculosis				Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.					
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
No. of Cases Notified Attack Rate per 1,000	 49	34	35	43	30	9	10	7	4	2
Population	 0.99	0.69	0.7	0.86	0.6	0.18	0.20	0.14	0.08	0.04
No. of Deaths Death Rate per 1,000	 9	6	8	8	2		1			1
Population	 0.18	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.04		0.02			0.02

SMALLPOX.

The following table shows the number of primary vaccinations carried out by General Practitioners, during 1923—1959.

	1	No. of	No. of	PERCENTAGE OF
		BIRTHS	VACCINATIONS.	VACCINATIONS TO BIRTHS
1923		1211	701	57.9
1924		1089	672	61.7
1925		1068	659	61.7
1926		1029	759	73.7
1927		945	642	67.9
1928		951	566	59.5
1929		900	472	52.4
1930		882	314	35.6
1931		885	514	58.07
1932		759	464	61.0
1933		717	309	43.09
1934		768	339	44.2
1935		711	253	35.3
1936		711	341	47.6
1937		726	324	44.6
1938		736	234	31.8
1939		781	266	34.1
1940		863	332	38.1
1941		847	406	47.9
1942		855	460	53.8
1943		893	437	48.9
1944		1065	497	46.6
1945		875	598	68.3
1946		1058	590	55.7
1947		1157	721	62.3
1948		1061	312	29.4
1949		1013	211	20.8
1950		922	277	30.0
1951		898	275	30.6
1952	80.03	930	424	45.6
1953		1003	276	27.5
1954	200	973	345	35.5
1955		949	265	28.0
1956		1028	301	29.28
1957		1010	344	
1958		941	319	34.06
1959	***	952	406	33.9
1909	***	994	400	42.64

#### LABORATORY WORK.

During the year the examination of all bacteriological specimens was undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Employment.—During the year there were 632 people registered as unemployed in the Borough out of a total insured population of 27,493.

(1) STATEMENT OF NUMBERS OF INSURED PERSONS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED.

Local Office: Wallsend. Date: 7th December, 1959.

Men Women Young Men Young Women Total 504 111 13 4 632

(2) Insured Employees (Official Estimate as at June, 1959).

Males, age 15 and over Females, age 15 and over Total
21,392 6,101 27,493

The following table, taken from the County of Northumberland Development Plan, gives details of the occupations in the Wallsend and Willington Quay Employment Exchange areas. These areas do not correspond exactly with the boundaries of the Borough of Wallsend.

#### MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE AREAS.

	STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION		Great Britain		Willington Quay
			%	%	%
1	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing		4.64	0.23	0.69
2	Mining and Quarrying			6.57	0.02
3	Treatment of Non-Metaliferous Mini	ng			
	Products		1.51	2.27	1.13
4	Chemical and Allied Trades		2.09	0.04	0.12
5	Metal Manufacture			0.01	4.66
6	Engineering, Shipbuilding and Electric	cal			
	Goods			64.42	17.11
7	Vehicles		4.33	0.11	0.30
8	Metal Goods		2.43	1.22	9.54
9	Precision Instruments, Jewellery, etc.		0.61	0.01	Nil.
10	Textiles		4.61	0.08	23.90
11	Leather, Leather Goods and Fur		0.39	0.04	0.02
12	Clothing		3.07	0.13	0.05
13	Food, Drink, Tobacco		3.42	0.91	0.32
14	Wood and Cork Manufacturing		1.33	0.08	11.06
15	Paper and Printing		2.27	0.09	Nil
16	Other Manufacturing Industries		1.22	0.01	1.36
17	Building and Contracting		6.78	2.17	5.43
18	Gas, Electricity and Water Supply		1.45	1.68	3.83
19	Transport and Communication		8.72	2.28	8.34
20	Distributive Trades		10.52	5.78	5.47
21	Insurance, Banking and Finance		2.05	0.42	0.09
22	Public Administration		7.19	3.33	0.72
23	Professional Services		5.69	2.73	1.20
24	Miscellaneous Services		9.44	5.31	4.43
25	Ex-Service and others unclassified		0 10	0.08	0.21

#### WATER.

The area is served by the Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company, who maintain a plentiful and wholesome supply throughout the year.

The service is adequate and satisfactory.

To ensure the maintenance of a high standard, regular chemical and bacteriological tests are made, and sources of impurities dealt with.

The Company invariably readily investigate any complaint,

and effect a remedy.

To conserve the domestic supply in summer time, water is available from other sources for street watering, industrial uses, etc.

A proportion of the older dwelling houses in the Borough have

the service pipes only laid into the yard.

When the shortage of houses becomes less urgent these houses will be dealt with either in Slum Clearance Schemes or the Owners

will be requested to carry out works of reconstruction.

The following report was received from W. Gordon Carey, F.I.C., Public Analyst, Newcastle, on a sample of water taken on the 23rd September, 1959, from a dwelling house in the Borough.

CHEMICAL RESULTS.			Parts per Million
Total Solids dried at 180°C.			190
Chlorine as chlorides			16
Free Ammonia			Trace
Albuminoid Ammonia			0.08
Nitrogen as nitrates		***	0.60
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours	at 80°F	(.5	2.3
Total Hardness			139
Non-carbonate Hardness			54
Carbonate Hardness			85
Lead and Copper			None
Iron			0.1
Appearance and Colour			(Hazen degrees 10)
			and ex. pale yellow
Smell and Taste			Satisfactory.
Microscopical examination	of depo		Satisfactory.
pH value			6.9

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS.

Coliform Organisms as shown by the production of acid and gas in MacConkey's Bile Salt Lactose broth after 48 hours incubation at 37°C.—

0.1 ml. of sample	-	10 mls.	of	sample,	absent.
1.0 ml. of sample		100 mls.	of	sample,	absent.

Confirmatory tests for Bacillus Coli. on 1 ml.

Indol Production — Voges Proskauer (V.P.) —

Methyl Red (M.R.) — Citrate Test —

#### REPORT -

This sample of water is of very satisfactory organic purity and this opinion is borne out by the excellent bacteriological results.

The water is clear, almost colourless and is free from taste or odour.

I am of the opinion that the water is suitable for a Public Supply.

#### (Signed) W. GORDON CAREY.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The following statement shows the existing sanitary accommodation in the district:—

The entire district is served by the water carriage system with the exception of 9 Privy Ashpits which are confined to outlying farm properties where sewage facilities are not available.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No new lengths of sewer have been laid during the year.

During the year 1033 choked drains were cleared. No charge is made for this service.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Removal of Nuisances.—The various nuisances and other similar conditions dealt with under the Public Health Acts are set out in the following table:—

		Informal Notices.		utory ices.
	Nuisances	Nuisances Abated	Nuisances	Nuisances Abated
Ash Receptacles, to provide	. 34	16	13	10
Drains, defective to repair	. 5	4		
Dirty houses, to cleanse				
Offensive accumulations, to remove				
Roofs, to repair				
Spouting to repair				
Vermin infested houses				
Water closet fittings (basins, etc. def.)				
Water supply, to provide	. 2	2		1
Ceilings to repair				
Windows (woodwork) to repair				
Windows (sashcords) to renew				
Floors to repair or ventilate				
Range, Kitchen, to repair				
Chimneys, to repair or rebuild				
Scullery sink trap, to repair	1	3		1
Walls (internal) to repair				
Walls (external) to repair				
Outbuildings, to repair				
Stairs (external) to repair				
Doors, to repair				
Miscellaneous				
Yard Surface, to repair				
Number of Nuisances	. 42	25	13	12

During the year 42 informal notices were served and 25 received attention.

13 statutory notices were served and 10 received attention.

The nuisances abated include work done on notices served in the previous year.

SECTION 9, HOUSING ACT, 1957.

Tribus periodic de moner		Informal Notices.		ices.
	Defects Discovered	Defects Remedied	Defects Discovered	Defects Remedied
Ceilings, to repair	15	7	7	5
Chimneys, to repair or re-build	6	2		
Doors, to repair	65	20	27	13
Drains defective, to repair or recon-				
struct	8	10	8	2
Fireplaces (fire bars, etc.) to repair		1	1	1
Fireplaces (brickwork) to repair	1	3	4	3
Floors, to repair or ventilate	0.4	19	18	18
Outbuildings, to repair	0.1	11	7	6
Ovens, to repair or renew				
Range, kitchen, to repair	0	1		
Roofs, to repair	077	16	11	6
Carallana simila ta sanais	0	2	5	4
C U L L L	0	4	4	4
Carllana sinh tuan ta manain	11	4	3	
Set pot (fire grate) to repair				
	10	10	10	6
Spouting, to repair	1		0.000	6
Stairs (internal) to repair		5	1	1
Stairs (external) to repair or renew	5	0	1	***
Staircases, to cleanse	0.75			***
Walls (external) to repair		8	3	1
Walls (internal) to repair	40	10	13	19
Washhouse set-pots, to renew		111	***	***
Water closet fittings (basins, etc., def.)		23	8	5 5
Windows (woodwork), to repair	1 5.0	3	5	5
Windows (sashcords), to renew		8	5	3
Water pipes, to repair	Charles 18	18	12	10
Yard surface, to repair	8	4	3	3
Miscellaneous				1
Total number of defects	377	190	156	116
Total number of notices	156	126	57	43

#### HOUSING.

#### TABULAR STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1959.

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#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS — HOUSING ACT, 1949.

		of Separate Houses
(a)	Applications submitted to Local Authority during year	39
(b)	Applications rejected	30
(c)	Applications approved	9
(d)	Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme	28
НО	USES IN CLEARANCE AREA AND UNFIT ELSEWHERE.	HOUSES
	(A) HOUSES DEMOLISHED.	
	(1) In clearance areas	20
	(2) Not in clearance areas	22
	(B) UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	
	(3) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Hou Act, 1957	sing 18
	(4) Parts of buildings closed under Section Housing Act, 1957	18, 4
	(C) UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.	IN
		By Local Authority
	(5) After informal action by Local Authority 126	100 -111)
	(6) After formal notice under	
	(a) Public Health Acts 6	8
	(b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957 49	3
	(D)—NUMBER OF HOUSES PERMANENTLY TINUED AS DWELLINGS AND NOT IN ABOVE	

#### HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.

Since the commencement of the Act on the 30th August, 1954, 65 Certificates of Disrepair, and 42 Revocations of Certificates of Disrepair have been granted.

#### RENT ACT, 1957

From the 6th July, 1957, when the Act came into operation until the 31st December, 1959, the following shows the number of Certificates applied for, and the Certificates granted.

	Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	
(1)	Number of applications for certificates	179
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	1
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	178
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects        56         (b) in respect of all defects	
(4)	Number of undertakings by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	81
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(6)	Number of Certificates issued	97
	Applications for Cancellation of Certificates	
(7)	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	34
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	Nil
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	30
(11)	Certificates refused by Local Authority	4

#### HOUSING-

The number of families rehoused in 1959 was 101, comprising :-

- 1 family containing inmates suffering from Tuberculosis.
- 14 families living as sub-tenants.
- 46 families living in overcrowded conditions.
- 17 pensioners housed in bungalows.
- 2 Possession Orders.
- 21 Clearance Area and Closing Orders.

In connection with applications for Council Houses, visits have been made by the Health Department staff in order to ascertain the condition of the house with a view to allocating "Points" under the Points Scheme.

#### SLUM CLEARANCE.

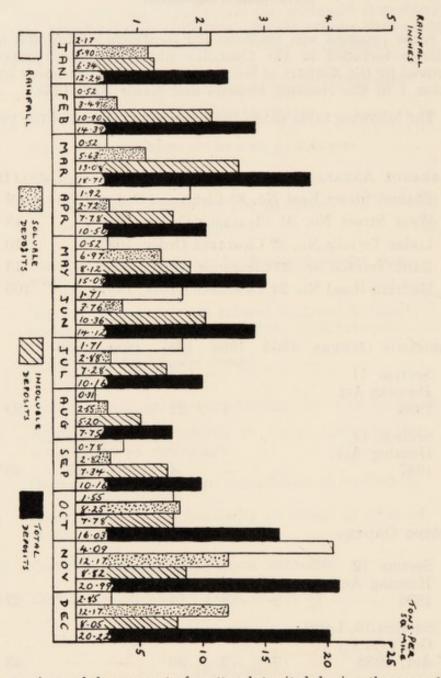
(Five Year Programme).

Some progress was made in the treatment of the 695 unfit dwellings included in the Council's Slum Clearance proposals approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

The following table shows the position at the end of the year.

CLEARANCE AREAS. Thames Street Ea Wear Street No. Lodge Terrace No Bank Terrace No Hadrian Road No	31 Cl 32 C 33 Cl	earance learance earance	e Order e Order	r, 1957 r, 1957 r, 1957	1956	WELLINGS. 119 13 10 13 166
DEMOLITON ORDERS.	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	
Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	_	1	22	_		23
Section 17, Housing Act, 1957	_	_	4	5	37	46
CLOSING ORDERS.						
Section 12, Housing Act, 1936	9	8	10	_		27
Section 10, Local Gov't (M.P.) Act, 1953	7	2	36	_		45
Section 17, Housing Act, 1957	_	_	1	26	1	28
Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	_	_	6	11	4	21
OUTSTANDING BALAN	CE					184
				Total		695

# SMOKE ABATEMENT. ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION RECORD—1959. HEALTH CENTRE.



Comparison of the amount of matter deposited during the years 1957-1959 as measured with the Deposit Gauge at the Health Centre.

	1957	1958	1959
Total Rainfall in inches	24.29	30.64	18.65
Monthly Average	2.02	2.55	1.55
Total Solids in tons per sq. mile	165.74	185.24	170.36
Monthly Average	13.81	15.43	14.19
Insoluble Solids in tons per sq. mile	94.59	105.26	101.05
Monthly Average	7.88	8.77	8.42
Soluble Solids in tons per sq. mile	71.15	79.98	69.31
Monthly Average	5.92	6.66	5.78

# SMOKE FILTER AND VOLUMETRIC SULPHUR DIOXIDE APPARATUS.

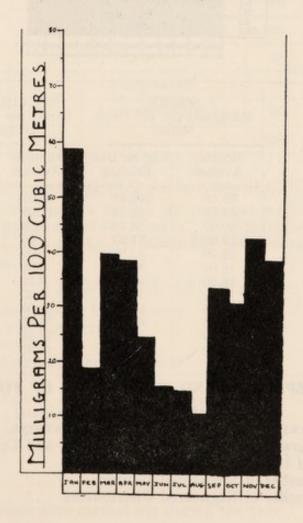
The above apparatus was fitted in the Health Department Office in July, 1954. During each period of 24 hours about 60 cubic feet of air from outside the building is drawn by means of a small electric pump through a piece of white filter paper and then through two bubbling tubes containing diluted hydrogen peroxide. Smoke particles are trapped on the filter paper and form a stain which varies according to the amount of tarry matter and other combustible matter in the smoke suspended in the atmosphere. The weight of material caught is estimated by matching the stain with a scale of shades which has been previously calibrated by matching with weighed stains. The amount is expressed in milligrams of smoke particles per 100 cubic metres of air (28,349 milligrams= 1 ounce; 1 cubic metre = 35.317 cubic feet). Sulphur dioxide in the air reacts with the hydrogen peroxide to form dilute sulphuric acid and the amount of this is estimated daily by titration with standard alkali. From this the amount of sulphur dioxide in parts per 100 million parts of air (by volume) is calculated.

SMOKE MEASUREMENTS

MONTHLY AVERAGES MEASURED

BY THE VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS

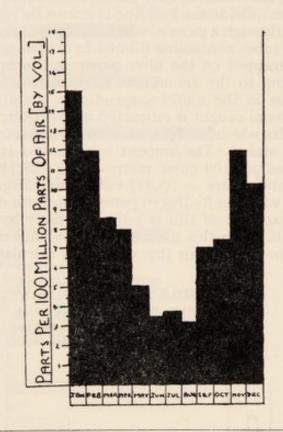
AT THE HEALTH DEPT, TOWN HALL



#### SULPHUR DIOXIDE

#### MEASUREMENTS

MONTHLY AVERAGES MERSURED BY THE VOLUMETRIC APPRATUS AT THE HEALTH DEPT, TOWN HALL.



1959		Milligrams	OKE per 100 Cubic etres	SULPHUR DIOXIDE Parts per 100 million air by volume		
		Monthly Average	Highest Daily Reading	Monthly Average	Highest Daily Reading	
JANUARY		69.00	206.43	15.00	48.36	
FEBRUARY		19.00	92.15	12.00	24.76	
MARCH		40.00	56.98	9.60	19.95	
APRIL		39.00	61.87	8.00	16.04	
MAY		25.00	55.00	5.00	10.03	
JUNE		16.00	42.00	3.50	7.03	
JULY		15.00	31.00	3.70	8.67	
AUGUST		11.00	19.00	3.30	8.44	
SEPTEMBER		34.00	67.00	7.00	16.30	
OCTOBER		31.00	63.00	7.40	14.70	
NOVEMBER		43.00	88.00	12.00	21.40	
DECEMBER		39.00	74.00	10.30	24.50	

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. MILK SUPPLY.

THE MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959.

The following is a summary of the Milk and Dairies Register at the end of 1959:—

Number of	Registered	Dairies	 	1
Number of	Registered	Distributors	 	9

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949 то 1954.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949 TO 1953.

The following licences were issued for the year ending 31st December, 1959 :--

1 Supplementary Licence to retail Pasteurised Milk.

1 ,, ,, ,, Tuberculin Tested Milk.
1 Supplementary Licence to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk. (Pasteurised).

35 Dealer's Licences to retail Pasteurised Milk.

146 Dealer's Licences to retail Sterilised Milk.

4 Dealer's Licences to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised).

1 Dealer's Licence to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk.

#### COW BYRES.

There are four cow byres in the Borough which are licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries, and Food.

#### MILK SAMPLING AND TESTING, 1959.

CLASS OF MILK	Number of Samples	Appropriate	Number of Samples			
	TESTED	TESTS	Passed	Failed	Void	
Pasteurised	68	РноѕрнатаѕЕ	68	_	_	
	00	METHYLENE BLUE	68	-	-	
Sterilised	43	TURBIDITY	43	_	_	
Tuberculin	30	PHOSPHATASE	30	-	_	
Fested Pasteurised	30	METHYLENE BLUE	30	-	-	
TOTAL	141		239	_		

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16.

During the year a further 20 premises were registered for the sale of pre-wrapped Ice Cream. A satisfactory refrigerator and a supply of running hot water has been provided at each of the premises.

#### INSPECTION OF SHOPS

	1.	. OI LC	11011	01 01	1010.		
There are 495	shops	in the	Boroug	gh.			
Bakers ar	nd Con	fection	ers			 	33
Butchers						 	39
Cafes, Fis	shfriers	and S	nackba	rs		 	22
Dairies						 	10
Fishmong						 	6
General I		and S	weet Sl	iops		 	91
Greengro	cers					 	33
Grocers						 	123
Others						 	138
							495

628 Inspections were carried out during the year.

#### ICE CREAM.

THE ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS, 1959.

These regulations which came into force on the 27th April, 1959 consolidate and amend the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, Etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952. The main amendments are to permit a sterilization process as an alternative to pasteurization and to exempt from the requirement as to pasteurization or sterilization certain types of water ices and ice lollies, which are sufficiently acid to make such treatment unnecessary. The latter have a pH value of 4.5 or less and there is little danger that pathogenic organisms will multiply in mixtures as acid as this. The appendix to circular 8/59 of the Ministry of Health sent with the regulations deals with the bacteriological examination of ice-cream.

During the year 11 samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Methylene Blue Reduction Test mentioned in the appendix. 8 of these were in Grade 1, 2 in Grade 2 and 1 in Grade 3.

# THE FOOD STANDARDS (ICE-CREAM) REGULATIONS, 1959.

These regulations also came into force on the 27th April, 1959 and replace the Food Standards (Ice-Cream) Order, 1953. They prescribe amended standards of composition for ice-cream and "Parev" (kosher) ice and introduce separate standards of composition for dairy ice-cream and milk ice. Alternative standards are prescribed for certain descriptions of ice-cream containing fruit, fruit pulp or fruit puree. Ice-Cream must contain not less than 5 per cent fat and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent milk solids other than fat. Dairy ice-cream must contain 5 per cent milk fat and no other fat and not less than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent milk solids other than fat. Milk ice must contain not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent milk fat and no other fat and not less than 7 per cent milk solids other than fat.

During the year 7 samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Public Analyst and all conformed to the required standards.

#### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There is one licenced Slaughterhouse at 54 High Street East, Wallsend.

# CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle exc'lg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	61	2	-	581	-	-
Number inspected	61	2	-	581	-	
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBER- CULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI— Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_ 47	- 1	_	342	_	_
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci		50%	_	58.8	_	
Tuberculosis Only— Whole carcases Condemned		_	_	_	_	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_	_	_	-	-	
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	_	_	_	_		_
Cysticercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_	_	_	_		Learn
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	_	_	_	_	_	_
Generalised and totally con- demned		_	_	_	_	_

#### UNSOUND FOOD.

The following unwholesome foodstuffs were condemned during the year :

					CWTS.	QRS.	LBS.
Mutton (home-kille	ed)					2	7
Lambs Liver						1	2
Ham (tinned)					5	2	8
Chicken (tinned)							17
Chicken (frozen)							22
Meat (tinned)					2	0	11
Corned Beef (tinn					1	1	11
Sausage							2
Soup (tinned)						1	14
Fish (tinned)							16
Fish (frozen)							181
Milk — 43 tins							109
Fruit (tinned)					1	3	20
Fruit Juice (tinned					"		6
Comatoes (tinned)					1	1	10
Comato Juice				***	1		7
Vegetables (tinned						3	26
Vegetables (frozen)	,					0	7
			***				18
Beans (tinned)							10
am							
paghetti							11/2
Creamed Rice							9
Cheese							12
Prunes		• • • •				1	2 5
Puddings	'						5
Congue							1
Pickles							01
us Rol Pastry							20
Dairy Cream Spon							24
Beef Hamburgers	(frozer	1)					3

Condemned meat is sent to an Artificial Manure Manufacturer, Newcastle.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

#### Samples Taken for Analysis for the Year, 1959

Sampl	le of			No. of Samples	Genuine	Non- Geniune	Remarks.
Whiskey				2	2		
Rum				1	1		
				1	1	Teles.	
			***	4	4		
Baking Powder				1	1		Walking
Barley			***	1	-	1	Webbing, moth eggs and
Bicarbonate of	Soda			1	1		live mites present
Butter			111	5	5		
Butter Mintoes				1	1		conditions conditions
Buttered Cheese				1	1		and the second
Cake Mixtures				2	2		
Coconut, desicc				1	1		CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE
Coffee and Chic				1	1	A STATE OF	State of the state
Compound Lem			100000			1 (11)	
and Honey M				1	1		
Cough Syrup				2	2		
Cough Syrup .				1	1		
Crab (dressed) Cream, double				1	i	Fe Ber	
Cream, sterilise				î	i		
Epsom Salts .				2	2		Hall Bally 11 1
Trial California				2	2		
Wild B. Williams				1	1		GL Hollsonmeth 397
Flour, self-raising	ng		***	1	1		the same of the same of
Glace Cherries .			***	1	1		
Ice Cream .		***	***	7	7		
Jam			***	2	2	Promoto 3	
1 1				1	1		
V amount Chand			***	1	1		Linerator I
T T		***		i	i		
Luncheon Meat			***	2	2		
Margarine .				2	2	Lant on	Contribution of the
Meat Paste .				2	2	Lan and	The state of the s
Mille				50	50		dealt with
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				1	1		
Minced Turkey				2	2		
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	(ha			2	1 2		
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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 26.-Food Poisoning.

# ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS (CORRECTED).

There was one isolated case of Food Poisoning reported during 1959.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47. No action was necessary.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 50.

During the year arrangements were made in accordance with the provisions of the above Section for the interment of the bodies of two persons who had died in Wallsend and for whom suitable provisions for burial had not been made.

# RIVERS (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1951.

This act is administered by the Northumberland and Tyneside River Board.

#### DISINFECTION.

Infected clothing, bedding, etc., is removed in a motor van for disinfection to the Disinfecting Station, Town Hall, Wallsend, where a Velox Steam Disinfector is installed.

Disinfection of premises was carried out as under :-

Tuberculosis	 	 	13
Other Infections	 	 	25

In addition, 56 lots of bedding and 183 blankets were dealt with.

#### DISINFESTATION.

89 houses were disinfested during the year.

Methods employed in Disinfestation.—Infested households were treated with D.D.T. solutions.

#### PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

The Corporation provide a public swimming bath available for the public from March to December, for swimmers of both sexes. The water is from the mains supply and is heated and maintained at a temperature of 74 — 76 dgs. Fah., and a continuous filtration and chlorination is maintained, so that there is a complete change over of the water every eight hours. The bath water is tested thrice daily and chlorine regulated to maintain the standard of sterilization.

Wallace & Tiernan special chlorine apparatus is installed and chlorine is maintained at a standard of 1 to 2 parts per million of the water which is the sterilization standard recommended by the Ministry of Health.

### DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

# THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

All piggeries in the Borough together with the plant and equipment used for boiling and sterilisation of waste food were inspected.

28 Licences have been granted.

WARBLE FLY (DRESSING OF CATTLE) ORDER 1948
Publicity was given under this order.

#### FOWL PEST

Support was given to the campaign for the Eradication of Fowl Pest by the display of posters provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food.

### SWINE FEVER.

No cases occurred during the year.

THE REGULATION OF MOVEMENT OF SWINE ORDER, 1954.

THE REGULATION OF MOVEMENT OF SWINE (AMEND-MENT) ORDER, 1955.

THE REGULATION OF MOVEMENT OF SWINE ORDER 1959.

Movement Licences were issued in accordance with the above orders.

#### ANTHRAX.

No cases of Anthrax occurred during the year.

THE ATROPHIC RHINITIS ORDER 1954 AND THE ATROPHIC RHINITIS (COMPENSATION) ORDER, 1954.

No cases were reported during the year in the Borough.

# SANITARY CONDITION OF THEATRES, MUSIC HALLS, ETC.

As in previous years inspections have been made of public halls and cinemas in the Borough.

# PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The above Act came into operation on the 31st March, 1950.

The Council employ a full-time Rodent Operator and the following summary shows the type of infestations dealt with during the year:—

Ty	PE OF IN	FESTAT	TION	
Rats	Major			9
	Minor			129
Mice				147

#### SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

Two Sewer Maintenance Treatments were carried out, viz :-

Treatment No.	No. of Manholes Baited.	No. of Manholes showing Bait take.
28	88	14
29	124	40

# SHOPS ACTS 1912 to 1950.

The following Regulations are in force in the Borough relating to the Shops Act:—

The Wallsend (General) Weekly Half Holiday Order, 1912.

The Wallsend Ironmongers and Hardwaremen Closing Order, 1912.

The Fish and Poultry Dealers Weekly Half Holiday Order 1912.

The Wallsend Butchers Shops Closing and Weekly Half Holiday (Extension) Order, 1920.

The Wallsend Tobacconists (Hours of Closing) Order, 1928.

The Wallsend Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction Act 1936) Partial Exemption Order, 1938.

# RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the Borough which require registration under the above Act, and no infringements have occurred during the year.

# PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

An inspection of all pet shops in the Borough was made during the year and four licenses were issued under the above Act.

The Act also provides that no person can carry on the business of selling animals as pets in any part of a street or public place, and no pets shall be sold to children under 12 years.

No infringements have been recorded during the year.

#### PETROLEUM ACT.

THE PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

The following licences were issued under the Petroleum Act:

Petrol			 	 41
Carbide	of Calci	um	 	 2
				43

The bulk of Petrol stored in the Borough is in underground tanks. The storage places are periodically inspected and infringement of the Petroleum Act is brought to the notice of the person concerned. By kind permission of the Chief Fire Officer of Northumberland County Fire Brigade, installations were inspected during the year by specially trained Fire Prevention Officers on his staff. Their advice and reports were of great assistance to everyone concerned.

Licences are renewed each year by the local authority.

# THE PETROLEUM SPIRIT (CONVEYANCE BY ROAD) REGULATIONS, 1957.

These Regulations came into force on the 1st July, 1957, and certificates as prescribed by the Regulations were supplied to Petroleum licence holders, and further supplies are available as required.

# FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1959.

 INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

		Number	NUMBER OF			
	Premises (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Inspections. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	7	9			
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority	113	74	-	imali .	
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises)	22	24		500	
*i.e	Electrical Stations, Institu- tions and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction					
	Total	142	107		_	

# 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No.	Number of Cases in				
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	which Prosecu-	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	_	2		2	_	
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-		-	_	
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-			-		
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) Ineffective Drainage of Floors	_	_	_	_	_	
(S.6.) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	-	-	- No.	-	_	
(a) Insufficient			-	-		
(b) Unsuitable or defective	_	2	_	2	_	
(c) Not separate for sexes Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relat-	-	-			-	
ing to Outwork)	_	_	_	_	_	
Total	-	4	-	4	_	

# OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

There are 5 Outworkers in the Borough. Four are engaged making Wearing Apparel and one in making paper novelties. The premises have been inspected and found satisfactory.

# HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NORTHUMBER-LAND COUNTY COUNCIL THROUGH THE WALLSEND AREA HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

(The following information is included by kind permission of the County Medical Officer. This information, pages 39 to 44, is included in order to present as complete as possible a report on the health of Wallsend; the various services mentioned are provided by the Northumberland County Council and are not the direct concern of the Wallsend Borough Council).

#### TABLE A

# WALLSEND AREA HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of 25 members, viz :-

Wallsend Borough Council ... 14 Northumberland County Council 8 Hospital Management Committee Co-opted Members

Chairman: Alderman J. Richardson, J.P. Vice-Chairman: COUNCILLOR D. SOWERBY.

#### ALDERMEN:

R. A. LOWDON.

P. J. McArdle, J.P.

C. L. PALMER.

#### COUNCILLORS:

E. M. A. Brown.

P. J. KELLY. M. KINNON.

I. H. McFadyen.

J. GOLDBERG.

J. R. LYNN.

G. W. SHIELD.

J. C. GROGAN.

E. HALLIBURTON.

(County Council Representatives)

ALDERMEN T. H. MALIA, J.P., J. MULLARKEY, J. A. McFADYEN; COUNCILLORS T. BLACK, W. HOPPER, H. BELL; (Ex-officio Members) Alderman N. Garrow and Councillor Miss M. E. S. FLEMING.

> (Hospital Management Committee) Mr. R. E. SMEDLEY.

> > (Co-opted Members)

Mrs. J. S. Saint and Mrs. E. Mayberry.

TABLE B STAFF.

# Area Executive Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

Dr. G. McN. Cubie.

# Assistant Medical Officer:

# Dr. I. J. McLarty.

Dental Officers: Mr. J. F. Horseman. Mr. C. D. Anderson. and 2 Dental Assistants.

#### Senior Health Visitor:

Miss E. D. Shaw. 11 Health Visitors.

Social Worker: MISS D. DUNN.

Wallsend Day Nursery:

Matron: Mrs. H. K. Summers. Deputy Matron: Mrs. I. S. Longbottom. Nursery Assistants. Domestic Staff.

#### Ambulance Service:

Driver | Supervisor: Mr. A. Patterson. 8 Driver Attendants.

# Home Helps Service:

1 Permanent Home Help. 96 Temporary Home Helps.

#### Clerical Staff:

Chief Clerk: MISS A. THOMPSON. School Medical Service Clerk: Mrs. I. Wilson 4 Clerks.

#### Part Time Staff:

Eve Specialist: Dr. A. K. Towers. Orthopaedic Specialist: MR. C. C. SLACK. Orthopaedic Nurse: MISS WAKE. Speech Therapist: Mrs. M. K. Ellis.

#### TABLE C

# SUMMARY OF SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(1) Ambulance Facilities.

A day and night service is provided from the Ambulance Station in Oak Grove. The fleet consists of four vehicles, augmented as required from other County Ambulance Stations; 9 drivers are employed. Tel. No. Wallsend 62-3728.

18,845 patients were handled, including 3,063 stretcher cases,

accidents and emergencies. Mileage—91,162.

(2) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

(a) CH

AND	IREAIMENT CENTR	ES.			
HLD W	VELFARE.				
(i)	Health Centre, Wal	llsend.			
	Mondays			 2-4	p.m.
	Wednesdays				
	Thursdays				
(ii)	St. John's Church,				
	Alternate Thu				
(iii)	East End Park, Ho				
	Tuesdays and		S	 2-4	p.m.
NTE-N	ATAL AND POST-NAT				

(b) AN

At the Health Centre, Wallsend, and the Clinic, East End Park, Howdon, General Practitioners see their own patients at arranged times.

(c) SCHOOL CLINICS.

Daily at Health Centre, Wallsend and East End Park, Willington Quay, from 9-10 a.m.

Doctor in attendance at Wallsend on Wednesdays and and Willington Quay on Thursdays.

(d) DENTAL CLINIC.

Daily at Health Centre and Willington Quay Clinic.

(e) ORTHOPAEDIC AND OPHTHALMIC CLINICS.

The Orthopaedic Clinic is held on two days per week, both morning and afternoon.

The Ophthalmic Clinic is held one half-day twice

or thrice per week.

(3) Summary of Attendances at Maternity and Child WELFARE CENTRES.

WELFARE CENTI	KES.			
	Wallsend	High Farm	Willington	
NEW CASES.	Centre.		Quay Centre.	Total.
Babies under one year	457	48	291	796
Babies over one year and				
under two years	18	_	9	27
Babies over two years and				
under five years	26	1	12	39
OLD CASES.				
Babies under one year	4927	493	2952	8372
Babies over one year and				
under two years	1294	134	609	2037
Babies over two years and				
under five years	1767	159	673	2599
Total Consultations by				
Doctors (New and Old				
Cases)	4119	212	2492	6823
Total Consultations by Health	17.70			
Visitors	4220	6325	1308	11,853
Assent the Door Name	Cummu			
Ante and Post-Nata				
Ante-Natal—Number	r of expe	ectant mo	thers	
su	pervised			1,553
		attendanc		7,390
Post-Natal— Numbe				667
Total n	umber of	attendanc	es	690
	TABLE I	)		
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### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of Children at 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1945).

Age at 31.12.59 i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1959	1 to 4 1958-1955	5 to 9 1954-1950	10 to 14 1949-1945	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) A. 1955-1959	193	2325	3564	492	6574
B. 1954 or earlier	_	_	784	3614	4398
C. Estimated mid- year child population	928	3806	9110		13,844
Immunity Index 100A/C	20.8%	61.0%	44.5%		47.48%

# TABLE E HOME HELPS.

Altogether 1 permanent and 96 temporary Home Helps were employed during the year and 318 cases (5 full time and 313 part time) were assisted.

# TABLE F NURSERIES.

One Day Nursery for 29 children (9 under 2 years and 20 from 2 to 5 years) at Station Road, Wallsend, continued to operate. During the year there was an average daily attendance of children as follows:—

0—2 years 2 2—5 years 13 —

#### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

### TABLE G

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS).

A.—Periodic Medical Inspections.  Number of inspections in the pr	escrib	ed Gro	ups :—	3180
B.—Other Inspections.  Number of Special Inspections  Number of Re-inspections				1102 1627
	To	otal		2729

C .- Pupils Found to Require Treatment.

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to Require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

	Gi	ROUP	•		For defective vision (excluding squint).	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table H (3)	Total individual pupils. (4)
1954 and	d later				11	69	73
1953					7	63	70
1952					1	5	6
951					_	1	1
1950					_		
949					122	54	170
1948					42	31	73
1947					5	-	5
946		***			_	_	
1945					119	29	148
1944				***	82		104
	d carlier		***				
1943 an	d earlier		***	****	13	_	13
		Тота	L		402	252	663

TABLE H

A.—Return of Defects Found by Medical Inspection in the Year Ended 31st December, 1959.

		PERIODI	c Inspections	SPECIAL	INSPECTIONS		
		No.	No. of Defects		No. of Defects		
Code No. Defect	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Requiring Treatment (2)	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment (3)	Requiring Treatment (4)	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment (5)		
4	Skin	36	7	82	17		
5	Eyes— (a) Vision (b) Squint	402 44	120	888 21	198 7		
6	(c) Other Ears—	20	5	14	4		
Ü	(a) Hearing	8	2	35	4		
	(b) Otitis Media	6	4 7	3	2 5		
7	(c) Other Nose or Throat	12 31	32	48	42		
8	Speech	15	13	33	20		
9	Lymphatic Glands		2		1		
10	Heart and Circulation	3	11		15		
11	Lungs	18	32	4	69		
12	Developmental-						
	(a) Hernia	8	1	-	5		
	(b) Other	12	14	4	16		
13	Orthopaedic—			0.00			
	(a) Posture	_	6	4	24		
	(b) Feet	26	21	18	39		
	(c) Other	20	29	10	33		
14	Nervous System—	-					
	(a) Epilepsy	7	2	1	4		
15	(b) Other	1	2	2	11		
15	Psychological—		1		3		
	(a) Development (b) Stability	2	1		0		
16	Abdaman	-	Market Land				
17	Other	29	17	37	45		

B.—Classification of the General Condition of Pupils
Inspected During the Year in Age Groups.

Age Groups			No. of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
				No.	No.
(1)			(2)	(3)	(4)
1954 and later			518	517	1
1953			629	625	4
1952			33	33	
1951			8	8	
1950			_		_
1949			621	621	_
1948			292	291	1
1947			29	29	_
1946				_	
1945			539	539	-
1944			492	492	
1943 and earlier			19	19	_
TOTAL		3180	3174	6	

TABLE J
INFESTATION WITH VERMIN.

(i)	Total number of examinations in the schools by the					
	school nurses or other authorised persons	24,366				
(ii)	Total number of individual pupils found to be					
	infested	919				
(iii)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom					
	cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2),					
	Education Act, 1944)					
(iv)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom					
	cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3),					
	Education Act, 1944)					
	Number of individual pupils examined					



